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The following Act of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly received the assent of the Governor on the 9th April 2025 and is hereby published for general information:—

ACT No. 12 of 2025.

An Act to amend the Tamil Nadu Private Universities Act, 2019.

BE it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Tamil Nadu in the Seventy-fifth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

Short title and commencement.	1. (1) This Act may be called the Tamil Nadu Private Universities (Amendment) Act, 2024.	Amendment of section 2.
	(2) (a) All sections except section 5 shall come into force at once.	
	(b) Section 5 shall be deemed to have come into force, —	
	(i) with effect from the 20th day of January 2021, insofar as it relates to entries against Serial Number 1 of the Schedule;	
	(ii) with effect from the 25th day of February 2021, insofar as it relates to entries against Serial Number 2 of the Schedule;	
	(iii) with effect from the 26th day of February 2021, insofar as it relates to entries against Serial Numbers 3, 4 and 5 of the Schedule;	
	(iv) with effect from the 27th day of May 2022, insofar as it relates to entries against Serial Number 6 of the Schedule;	
	(v) with effect from the 26th day of July 2022, insofar as it relates to entries against Serial Number 7 of the Schedule; and	
	(vi) with effect from the 15th day of March 2024, insofar as it relates to entries against Serial Number 8 of the Schedule.	
Amendment of section 2.	2. In section 2 of the Tamil Nadu Private Universities Act, 2019 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act),—	Tamil Nadu Act 14 of 2019.
	(1) clause (r) shall be omitted;	
	(2) after clause (t), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—	
	“(tt) “NMC” means the National Medical Commission constituted under the National Medical Commission Act, 2019 (Central Act 30 of 2019);”;	
	(3) for clause (w), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:—	
	“(w) “Private University” means a University established under section 9;”;	
	(4) in clause (y), for the expression “MCI”, the expression “NMC” shall be substituted.	

3. In section 3 of the principal Act, for sub-section (1), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

Amendment of
section 3.

“(1) The Government may permit the establishment of a Private University by any sponsoring body by way of an Act of State Legislature.”.

4. For section 9 of the principal Act, the following section shall be substituted, namely: —

Substitution of
section 9.

“9. Inclusion of Private University in the Schedule.—

Upon satisfaction of the Government that the sponsoring body has fulfilled the conditions of Letter of Intent, the name of the Private University along with the details of its location and its sponsoring body shall be included in the Schedule by way of an Act of the State Legislature.”.

5. For the Schedule to the principal Act, the following Schedule shall be substituted, namely:—

Substitution of
Schedule.

"THE SCHEDULE.

(See section 9)

<i>Serial Number</i>	<i>Name and location (address) of the Private University.</i>	<i>Name and address of the sponsoring body.</i>	<i>Details of registration of the sponsoring body.</i>
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1.	Dhanalakshmi Srinivasan University, NH 45, Trichy Chennai Trunk Road, (Near Samayapuram Toll Plaza), Samayapuram Post, Mannachanallur taluk, Trichy district -621 112.	Tvl.Dhanalakshmi Srinivasan Charitable and Educational Trust, 274/C,Thuraiyur Road, Perambalur- 621 212.	Registered as a Trust vide No.3 of 1994 of Book 4, Volume 38, Pages 111-118 on 21.01.1994 in the office of the Sub-Registrar of Perambalur, Tamil Nadu.
2.	Sree Anusuya University, Chennai-Trichy National Highways, Keezh Edayalam Village and Post, Tindivanam taluk, Villupuram district – 604 302.	Azvargal Aaivu Maiyam, No.1, First Main Road, Kasturibai Nagar, Adyar, Chennai- 600 020.	Registered as a Trust vide No.7 of 2017 of Book IV on 12.01.2017 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Adyar, Tamil Nadu.
3.	Sri Venkateswaraa University, Ettayapuram, Thoothukudi district.	A.R.R. Charitable Trust, No.31 B, Jawaharlal Nehru Salai, (100 Feet Road), Thirunagar, Vadapalani, Chennai -600 026.	Registered as a Trust vide No.525 of 2012 of Book 4, on 18.07.2012 in the office of the Sub-Registrar of Kodambakkam, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
4.	NMV University, Muthuramalingapuram village, Aruppukottai taluk, Virudhunagar district.	Veeraiyan Saraswathy Charitable Trust, No.103, Old No.51, Sampath Nagar, Main Road, Erode - 638 011.	Registered as a Trust vide No.169 of 2015 of Book IV, on 27.07.2015 in the office of the Joint 2 Sub-Registrar of Erode Joint 1, Tamil Nadu.
5.	Jeppiaar University, Semmencherry village, Shollinganallur taluk, Chennai - 600 119.	Jeppiaar Educational Trust, New No.29A, Old No.12, Ganapathy Street, Royapettah, Chennai- 600 014.	Registered as a Trust vide No.100 of 1987 of Book 4, Volume 16, Pages 163 to 173 on 05.05.1987 in the office of the Joint Sub-Registrar of Madras Central, Tamil Nadu.
6.	Takshashila University, Ongur (Post), Tindivanam taluk, Villupuram district –604 305.	Mailam Subramaniya Swamy Foundation, No.54, Meenakshi Nagar, Poonthottam, Villupuram –605 602.	Registered as Company under the Companies Act, 2013 (Central Act 18 of 2013), on 13.10.2020 in the office of Registrar of Companies, Central Registration, Central Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India and assigned Corporate Identity Number U80900TN2020NPL138600.

Serial Number	Name and location (address) of the Private University.	Name and address of the sponsoring body.	Details of registration of the sponsoring body.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
7.	Joy University, Raja Nagar, Alanganeri, Vadakkangulam, Radhapuram taluk, Tirunelveli district –627 116.	Selvam Educational and Charitable Trust, Raja Nagar, Vadakkangulam, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu-627 116.	Registered as a Trust vide No.712 of 1985 of Book I on Volume 663 in the Sub-Registrar's Office, Panakudi.
8.	St. Joseph University, Keezhathanur Village, Tindivanam taluk, Villupuram district –604 305.	St. Alphonsa Trust, KMMC, St.Devasahayam Nagar, Muttom-Eraniei Road, Muttom, Kanyakumari District-629 202.	Registered as a Trust vide No.76 of 2011 of Book IV on 30.03.2011 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Vadasery, Manavalakurichi, Tamil Nadu.”.

Validation.

6. Notwithstanding anything contained in any judgment, decree or order of any Court or other authority, all acts, proceedings or things done or taken in pursuance of Notification No.II(2)/HE/53(a)/2021, published in Part II-Section 2 of the *Tamil Nadu Government Gazette* Extraordinary, dated the 20th day of January 2021, Notification No.II(2)/HE/132(c)/2021, published in Part II-Section 2 of the *Tamil Nadu Government Gazette* Extraordinary, dated the 25th day of February 2021, Notification No.II(2)/HE/132(i)/2021, published in Part II-Section 2 of the *Tamil Nadu Government Gazette* Extraordinary, dated the 26th day of February 2021, Notification No.II(2)/HE/132(j)/2021, published in Part II-Section 2 of the *Tamil Nadu Government Gazette* Extraordinary, dated the 26th day of February 2021, Notification No.II(2)/HE/132(k)/2021, published in Part II-Section 2 of the *Tamil Nadu Government Gazette* Extraordinary, dated the 26th day of February 2021, Notification No.II(2)/HE/411(f)/2022, published in Part II-Section 2 of the *Tamil Nadu Government Gazette* Extraordinary, dated the 27th May 2022, Notification No.II(2)/HE/609(c)/2022, published in Part II-Section 2 of the *Tamil Nadu Government Gazette* Extraordinary, dated the 26th day of July 2022 and Notification No.II(2)/HE/185(d)/2024, published in Part II-Section 2 of the *Tamil Nadu Government Gazette* Extraordinary, dated the 15th day of March 2024, from the date of publication of the above said notifications till the date of the publication of this Act in the *Tamil Nadu Government Gazette*, shall, for all purposes, be deemed to be, and to have always been, validly done or taken in accordance with law as if the Schedule as so substituted by section 5 had been in force at all material times when such acts or proceedings were done or taken.

(By order of the Governor)

S. GEORGE ALEXANDER,
Secretary to Government,
Law Department.

The following Act of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly received the assent of the Governor on the 10th April 2025 and is hereby published for general information:—

ACT No. 13 of 2025.

An Act further to amend the Tamil Nadu Public Buildings (Licensing) Act, 1965.

BE it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Tamil Nadu in the Seventy-fifth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

Short title and commencement.

1. (1) This Act may be called the Tamil Nadu Public Buildings (Licensing) Amendment Act, 2024.

(2) It shall come into force on such date, as the State Government may, by notification, appoint.

Amendment of section 2.

2. In section 2 of the Tamil Nadu Public Buildings (Licensing) Act, 1965 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act),—

Tamil Nadu
Act 13 of 1965.

(1) for clause (2), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:—

“(2) “competent authority” means the District Collector;”;

(2) clause (4) shall be omitted;

(3) for clause (6), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:—

“(6) “licence” means a licence granted or renewed under this Act;”.

3. For sections 3, 4 and 5 of the principal Act, the following sections shall be substituted, namely:—

Substitution of
sections 3, 4
and 5.

“3. Public buildings to be licensed.— No building shall be used as a public building without a licence and except in accordance with the terms and conditions specified therein.

4. Grant of licence.— (1) Any owner, who intends to use any building as a public building, shall make an application for licence in such electronic form as may be prescribed, through the online portal as may be notified by the Government in the *Tamil Nadu Government Gazette*.

(2) Every application under sub-section (1) shall be accompanied by such fee as may be prescribed along with a Certificate of Structural Soundness of the building concerned issued by an engineer in such form as may be prescribed and such Certificate shall be validated in such manner as may be prescribed.

(3) Subject to the validation of the Certificate of Structural Soundness, the licence shall be auto generated and granted online in such form and in such manner as may be prescribed. The period specified in the Certificate of Structural Soundness shall be the period of validity of the licence, subject to the fulfillment of the terms and conditions relating to the maintenance of the structural soundness of the building and the precautions to be taken for the safety of the public as specified therein.

(4) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-sections (1) to (3), any application for the grant of a licence or renewal of a licence or any appeal or revision against refusal to the grant or renewal of the licence, pending on the date of commencement of the Tamil Nadu Public Buildings (Licensing) Amendment Act, 2024, shall be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of this Act, as in force immediately before the commencement of the Tamil Nadu Public Buildings (Licensing) Amendment Act, 2024:

Provided that the owner of the building may withdraw such pending application for grant or renewal of licence or appeal or revision, as the case may be, in such manner as may be prescribed and may make a fresh application for licence through the online portal referred to in sub-section (1).

5. Inspection.— (1) The competent authority, in the event of doubt on the structural soundness of a public building, shall cause the inspection of such public building by a technical committee to be constituted by the competent authority in such manner as may be prescribed.

(2) After such inspection, the technical committee shall submit a report to the competent authority in such form, within such time and in such manner as may be prescribed.

(3) Based on the report of the technical committee, the competent authority may impose such other terms and conditions relating to the maintenance of the structural soundness of the building and the precautions to be taken for the safety of the public or pass such other orders as it may deem fit.”.

Omission of
sections 6 and 7.

4. Sections 6 and 7 of the principal Act shall be omitted.

Amendment of
section 9.

5. In section 9 of the principal Act, the second proviso to sub-section (1) shall be omitted.

Amendment of
section 10.

6. In section 10 of the principal Act, in sub-section (1), in clause (iv), after the expression, “the licence was granted”, the expression, “ based on the report of the technical committee referred to under section 5 or otherwise” shall be added.

Amendment of
section 11.

7. In section 11 of the principal Act,—

(1) for the marginal heading, the following marginal heading shall be substituted, namely:—

“Appeal against order under section 10.—”;

(2) for sub-section (1), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(1) Any person aggrieved by an order of the competent authority under section 10 may, within such time as may be prescribed, appeal to the Commissioner of Revenue Administration:

Provided that the appellate authority may, in its discretion, allow further time not exceeding one month for the filing of any such appeal, if it is satisfied that the appellant had sufficient cause for not filing the appeal in time.”.

Omission of section 12.	8. Section 12 of the principal Act shall be omitted.
Amendment of section 13.	9. In section 13 of the principal Act, for the expression "Board of Revenue", wherever it occurs, the expression "Government" shall be substituted.
Amendment of section 14.	10. In section 14 of the principal Act, the expression "mentioned in sub-section (1) of section 5" shall be omitted.
Amendment of section 15.	11. In section 15 of the principal Act, in sub-section (4), for the expression "Board of Revenue", the expression "Government" shall be substituted.
Amendment of section 16.	12. In section 16 of the principal Act, after sub-section (2), the following sub-section shall be added, namely:— <p>"(3) If it is found that any engineer has issued a Certificate of Structural Soundness without proper inspection of the building or has knowingly given an incorrect certification about the structural soundness of a building based on inadequate or false data,—</p> <p>(i) such engineer shall be liable to a penalty of not exceeding two lakh rupees;</p> <p>(ii) the registration of such engineer shall be cancelled immediately from the panel of Registered Engineers maintained by the competent authority in the district concerned; and</p> <p>(iii) such engineer shall be debarred from taking up any works under the Government or any local bodies:</p> <p>Provided that no order under this sub-section shall be made without giving an opportunity of being heard to such engineer."</p>
Amendment of section 21.	13. In section 21 of the principal Act, for the expression "section 21 of the Indian Penal Code (Central Act XLV of 1860)", the expression "clause (28) of section 2 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (Central Act 45 of 2023)" shall be substituted.
Amendment of section 25.	14. In section 25 of the principal Act, in sub-section (3), in clause (a), for the expression " <i>Fort St. George Gazette</i> ", the expression " <i>Tamil Nadu Government Gazette</i> " shall be substituted.

(By order of the Governor)

S. GEORGE ALEXANDER,
Secretary to Government,
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